# Weekly Market Summary

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Weekly Slaughter Hog Quotations

Location	Туре	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
St. Joseph	B & G Bulk & Top Sows - Range	42.50-43.00 32.00-39.00	42.00-42.50 32.00-39.00	41.50-42.00 32.00-39.00	42.50-43.00 32.00-39.00	Closed
St. Paul	B & G Bulk & Top Sows - Range	42.00-43.00 34.00-40.00	42.00-43.00 34.00-40.00	42.00-43.00 34.00-40.00	42.50-43.00 34.00-40.00	41.00-41.50 34.00-40.00

#### MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 20,598, Week ago 19,790, Year ago 23,850 WEIGHTED AVERAGES Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. ST	EERS:	<u>Fdr. HI</u>	EIFERS:	Hols. S'	<b>TEERS</b>
356 lbs	123.97	357 lbs	108.11	683 lbs	72.90
455 lbs	115.77	460 lbs	102.99	749 lbs	72.06
555 lbs	105.33	557 lbs	93.98	851 lbs	69.50
648 lbs	92.78	649 lbs	86.33		
744 lbs	85.24	738 lbs	80.90		
826 lbs	82.98	812 lbs	78.39		
909 lbs	82.50				

#### SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Mountain Grove and West Plains) Receipts 4850, Week ago 5255, Year ago 4452

Compared to last week Steers under 600 lbs 1.00-3.00 higher, except 400 -500 lbs 6.00-8.00 higher, over steady, Heifers 550-650 lbs 2.00 higher others mostly steady. Slaughter Cows and Bulls mostly steady.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium an	d Large 1	Medium an	d Large 1
weight	price	weight	price
300-400	124.00-127.50	300-400	111.00-115.00
400-450	116.00-124.00	400-450	98.00-108.00
450-500	113.00-121.00	450-500	96.00-104.50
500-550	107.00-114.00	500-600	89.00-98.50
550-600	100.00-110.00	600-700	81.50-89.50
600-700	87.50-97.75		
700-800	84.50-87.50		

# COW AND CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2 few 3-6 yrs, 975-1050 lbs, babies to 350 lb calves, 850.00-875.00 per pair. Some 7yrs to ss, 900-1340 lbs 720.00-770.00 per pair.

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium to mostly Large 1-2, 3 yrs low dressing 54.00-58.00. to 6 yrs 975-1450 lbs 3<sup>rd</sup> stage 770.00-870.00 per head.

**SLAUGHTER COWS**: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean)43.50-50.50 high dressing 49.50-53.50. Lean (85-90%) 40.50-45.50, low dressing 32.50-38.50.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1200-2250 lbs, 62.50-68.00,

# WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Kingsville, Sedalia)

Cattle:

Receipts 2930, Week ago 2177, Year ago 3451 Feeder Steers 1.00-4.00 lower, Heifers 1.00-2.00 lower. Slaughter Cows weak to 1.00 lower.

FEEDER S	TEERS:	FEEDER F	HEIFERS:
Medium an	d Large 1	Medium an	d Large 1& 1-2
weight	price	weight	price
300-400	115.00-132.00	300-400	Scarce
400-500	106.00-126.00	400-500	95.00-113.00
500-600	95.00-120.50	500-600	85.00-107.25
600-650	89.25-107.25	600-700	83.00-90.85
650-700	86.00-92.75	700-800	77.00-86.25
700-800	79.00-89.75	800-850	scarce
800-900	76.35-83.75		

#### SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking & Boning (70-85%lean) 45.00-55.50. High dressing 50.75-53.00 Lean (85-90%) 42.00-48.75.

# REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs-ss 895-1440 lbs 2nd-3rd stage 650.00-880.00 per head.

COW AND CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, scarce.

#### SLAUGHTER BULLS:

Yield Grade 1-2; 1525-2495 lbs 57.00-63.00, high dressing 70.25

#### SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder	Cattle	Cows and	d Bulls	Dairy Cattle
Receipts	3642	Receipts	900	Norwood
week ago	7612	week ago	650	02-12-2004
Year ago	4453	Year ago	850	1545

Compared to last week: Feeder Steers and Heifers under 600 lbs steady to 3.00 lower, over steady to 3.00 higher. Slaughter Cows and Bulls steady to 2.00 higher.

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STEERS:		HEIFERS.	
Medium an	d Large 1	Medium an	d Large 1
weight	price	weight	price
300-400	123.00-125.00	300-400	scarce
400-500	113.00-122.00	400-500	99.00-110.00
500-600	97.00-107.00	500-600	86.00-98.50
600-700	85.00-95.00	600-700	81.50-90.50
700-800	81.25-87.00	700-800	77.50-84.00
800-900	79.75-83.90	800-900	scarce

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**HOLSTEINS** Large Frame 3 price Weight 300-400 Scarce 400-500 Scarce 500-600 Scarce 600-700 71.75-75.00 700-800 71.00-72.25 800-900 69.50

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7yrs, 3rd stage, 900-1400 lbs. 700.00-975.00 per head.

COW\CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, scarce.

#### SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers & Boners (70-85% lean) 48.00-53.00, Lean (85-90% lean) 41.50-47.50.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield grade 1-2, 1350-2285 lbs 64.50-69.50, high dressing 70.50-74.50.

#### **Dairy Cattle Sales**

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1570.00-1875.00, Approved 1300.00-1560.00, Crossbred 1000.00-1260.00, Open Heifers: Approved 700-800 lbs 950.00-1140.00, 600-700 lbs 850.00-1020.00, 500-600 lbs 860.00-980.00, 400-500 lbs 725.00-920.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 300.00-560.00, Bulls 85.00-155.00

# EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville) Cattle

Receipts 3747 Week ago 2054 Year ago 5147.

Compared feeder steers and heifers under 600 lbs steady to 2.00 higher, over steady to 2.00 lower. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 higher.

FEEDER ST	<u>EERS:</u>
Medium and	Large 1& 1-2
weight	price
350-400	120.00-127.00
400-500	105.00-127.00
500-600	95.00-117.00
600-700	86.50-98.00
700-800	81.00-88.75
800-900	76.25-84.25

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1500-2200 lbs 54.00-58.00, high dressing 59.50-63.50.

LAUGHTER STEERS Choice with Prime ends 2-4, 74.00-78.00.

# <u>FEEDER HEIFERS:</u>

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2 weight price 107.00-115.00 350-400 400-500 92.00-109.00 500-600 85.00-104.00 600-700 80.00-90.00 700-800 76.00-84.00

SLAUGHTER COWS: Lean, Breaking and Boning, (70-90 percent lean) 38.00-48.00, high dressing 45.50-53.50, low dressing 32.00-42.00

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice with Prime ends 2-4, 74.00-78.00.

#### NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Palmyra, New Cambria, and Green City)

Feeder (	Cattle:	Slaughter (	Cattle:
Receipts	1884	Receipts	128
Week ago	2365	Week ago	49
Year ago	2287	Year ago	224

Feeder Steers under 700 lbs 1.00-3.00 higher, over steady to 2.00 lower. Heifers mostly steady. Slaughter cows steady. Slaughter Steers and Heifers 3.00 to 4.00 lower.

FEEDER S	
Medium and	
weight	price
300-400	116.50-117.00
400-500	110.00-121.00
500-600	100.00-116.00
600-700	93.85-104.50
700-800	78.25-86.00
800-900	77.75-83.75
900-950	Scarce

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning(75-85% lean) 46.00-50.00, low dressing 42.50-46.00

<u>SLAUGHTER STEERS:</u> Choice 2-3, 1100-1400 lbs 73.75-75.75

# FEEDER HEIFERS Medium and Large 1-2

weight 300-400 97.50-109.50 96.00-105.50 400-500 93.00-99.50 500-600 600-700 83.00-92.50 700-800 77.10-81.50 800-900 scarce

SLAUGHTER BULLS Yield Grade 1-2, 1350-2100 lbs, 58.50-64.00

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-3, 1000-1350 lbs 72.60-75.00

#### SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba and Vienna)

Receipts 1918, week ago 693, year ago 3058

Feeder Steers and Heifers not well tested receipts very light due to weather. Slaughter cows steady to 3.00 higher.

FEEDER ST	EEDC.
Medium and	Large 1 and 1-2
weight	price
340-400	120.00-130.00
400-500	106.00-123.00
500-550	101.00-112.00
550-600	91.00-101.00
600-700	83.00-91.00
700-800	80.60-85.00
SLAUGHTE	ER COWS:
	Boners(70-85% lean)
	high dressing up to
	(85-90% lean) 41.00-
48.50.	,

COW\CALF PAIRS Medium and Large 1-2 Scarce

FEEDER HEIFERS Medium and Large 1 and 1-2 weight price 107.00-116.00 350-400 405-500 97.50-109.00 85.00-98.50 500-600 600-700 81.10-87.50 730-810 75.00-80.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1500-2400 lbs 55.75-64.00. high dressing up to

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2-8 yrs, 880-1300 lbs, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> stage 710.00-860.00 per head.

# SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Patton Junction and Fruitland) Receipts 1044 Week ago 1423 Year ago 1525

Compared to last week, Feeder Steers and Heifers 400-500 lbs steady to 4.00 higher, other weights steady to 3.00 lower, Slaughter cows 2.00 lower, Bulls steady to 1.00 higher.

ΓEERS:
l Large 1-2
price
108.00-121.00
106.00-119.00
86.25-103.50
80.00-88.50
76.60-82.00
78.50-83.50

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 40.25-48.50, high dressing 48.00-49 00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Y.G. 1-2, 1645-2265 lbs 53.50-57.50, high dressing 57.50-62.75.

FEEDER H	<u>IEIFERS:</u>
Medium an	d Large 1-2
weight	price
300-400	90.50-108.00
400-500	87.50-107.00
500-600	80.00-90.50
600-700	73.50-82.50
700-800	76.00-77.50

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2-7 yrs, 960-1345 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 600.00-735.00 per head.

COW AND CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2-7 yrs, 985-1345 lbs with 150-350 lbs calves 700.00-780.00 per pair.

#### MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT

Weekly Receipts 1000, Week ago 400; Year ago 1200 Trade moderate to active, live sales 3.00-4.00 higher, dressed on grid steady to 4.00 higher 5.00-10.00 lower. Demand and seller interest moderate to good.

STEERS:	
Live sales: 50-60 % Choice	120
1250 11- 77 00 70 00	

1250 lbs 77.00-78.00

HEIFERS: Live sales: 50-80% Choice 1150-1200 lbs 77.00-78.00

STEERS AND HEIFERS Carcass sales: Steers and heifers No Sales

# GRADE AND WEIGHT: (Grid)

Choice 550-950 lbs 124.00-128.00 Select 550-950 lbs 118.00-122.00

# INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 8,929 Week ago 7594, Year ago 12,614 Weekly Top: Friday 60.00

**BARROWS AND GILTS:** 3.00-4.00 higher Base Carcass Meat Price 58.00-60.00.

SOWS: 1.00-5.00 higher 300-500 lbs 28.00-31.00 over 500 lbs 32.00-40.00

#### MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT WEANER AND FEEDER PIG REPORT

Receipts: 15916 [FOB 7361 Delivered 8230] Compared to last week, weaner pigs .50 lower feeder pigs 1.00 higher. Moderate demand for moderate supply.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights

FOB the farm 0% negotiated 5546 head 10 lbs. 29.97-33.00, weighted average price 30.77

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights Delivered 0% negotiated 6380 head 10 lbs 32.46-32.30 weighted average price 31.83

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes: Fob the farm 71.9 % negotiated 1815 head 40-50 lbs 47.20-52.00 weighted average 41.1 lbs 49.28

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes: Delivered 75.7% negotiated.

1850 head 45-55 lbs 47.20-54.18 weighted average 46.2 lbs 50.29

WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER				
	CATTLE	HOGS	SHEEP	
Week to date	609,000	1,954,000	49,000	
Last Week	601,000	1,922,000	52,000	
Last Year	619,000	1,912,000	55,000	
2004 Yr to dt	3,722,000	12,595,000	315,000	
2003 Yr to dt	4,248,000	12,492,000	338,000	

#### MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts: This week 49,000 Week ago 52,000 Year ago 55,000 Year ago

Slaughter Lambs 4.00-7.00 higher Slaughter Ewes Steady Feeder Lambs Steady to 5.00 higher

SLAUGHTER EWES: Utility and Good 1-3,40.00-45.00 Cull 1, 30.00-40.00 (per cwt.)

<u>SLAUGHTER LAMBS:</u> Ch & Pr 90-150 lbs; shorn 95.00-100.00, wooled 90.00-95.00.

<u>FEEDER LAMBS:</u> 60-80 lbs 110.00-120.00, 80-100 lbs 100.00-110.00 (per cwt.)

Weekly Hay Summary

Warmer temperatures are allowing for a good thaw and abundant supply of mud for most of the state this week. Hay is showing fair to good movement in the northern part of the state mostly on beef quality hay. We continue to have an above normal supply of fair to average quality hay and it appears that this will be the case when the new hay arrives this spring. Many sellers are hoping to just keep steady prices, but it seems this is going to be hard to do with the current supply. Prices this week were steady, with a weak undertone. Supply is moderate to heavy. Hay demand is moderate. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay hotline available for both buyers and sellers. To be listed or for a directory call 1-800-877 HAY(4429)All prices per ton unless specified and most reflect delivered price) Supreme quality alfalfa 110.00-140.00. Premium quality alfalfa 80.00-110.00. Prairie hay 65.00-85.00, Good quality brome hay 60.00-100.00. Good quality timothy hay 3.00-3.50 per small square. Good large round bales mixed grass hay 15.00-25.00, Good red clover hay 50.00-75.00. Fair quality large round bales Fescue 10.00-20.00 per bale. Wheat straw 1.50-2.50 per small square. in the northern part of the state mostly on beef quality hay. We continue to 1.50-2.50 per small square.

# MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Prices on large .04lower, medium .06 lower, small steady, IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (Cents per dozen) Large .70-.77, Medium .54-.58, Small .36-.38.

### WHOLESALE FEEDSTUFFS PRICES (DOLLARS PER TON-BULK BASIS)

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City St. Louis Memphis Decatur	249.00 262.50 256.90 249.00	206.00 205.00 188.00	150.00 125.00 	84.00 77.50 80.00

Weekly Average Prices as of Feb 10, 2004

#### WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybean .01 to .11 lower, Wheat unchanged to .02 higher, Corn .03 to .04 higher, Soybean meal 5.90 to 11.30 lower, KC Wheat .02 to .04 higher. (all price trends approximate ranges).

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
Soybeans Mar May Jul Aug Sep	847 1/2 848 3/4 829 1/4 792 1/4 730	834 3/4 836 818 784 726	838 838 1/2 821 787 729	822 823 808 3/4 778 720	829 828 3/4 812 1/2 781 1/2 725
Wheat Mar May Jul Sep Dec	382 1/4 389 1/4 379 1/4 382 1/2 391	384 1/2 392 1/4 381 384 392 1/4	388 1/2 394 1/2 385 388 395 1/4	389 3/4 392 1/4 384 387 394 1/2	380 1/4 386 1/2 379 1/2 383 390
Corn Mar May Jul Sep Dec	284 1/4 290 1/4 292 1/2 285 1/2 283 1/2	280 286 3/4 288 3/4 282 1/2 280 1/4	284 1/4 290 3/4 293 287 283 3/4	281 1/4 287 3/4 290 1/4 284 1/2 282	282 1/2 288 3/4 291 1/2 284 1/4 281 1/4
KC Wheat Mar May Jul Sep Dec	383 386 1/4 380 1/2 383 1/2 390 1/2	386 389 383 1/2 386 1/2 394	390 393 1/4 386 1/2 389 1/2 396	388 1/4 391 3/4 388 389 1/4 395 1/2	384 386 1/4 383 1/2 385 1/4 393
SB Meal Mar May Jul Aug Sep	255.90 255.90 250.30 239.30 225.90	248.40 248.90 243.90 233.70 221.30	248.00 248.00 243.20 233.30 221.30	243.10 243.00 238.90 229.30 217.30	246.50 245.20 241.10 231.80 219.70

# WEEKLY COMMODITY LIVE FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .48 lower to .67 higher, Lean Hogs Feb 2.15 higher others, 1.65 to 2.15 lower, Pork Bellies .32 to 1.10 higher, Feeder Cattle .52 to .90 higher, except Apr .27 lower. Daily Live Futures Closes

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
Cattle Feb Mar Apr Jun Aug	75.00 74.25 73.52 70.55 72.92	73.60 73.15 72.02 69.52 72.10	75.10 74.20 72.85 70.15 72.67	76.05 74.10 72.50 70.05 72.60	76.12 74.00 72.62 70.27 72.77
Lean Hogs Feb Apr May Jun Jul	62.42 60.85 61.05 65.77 62.12	61.87 58.85 59.90 64.10 60.80	63.37 60.17 60.72 64.80 61.35	63.75 58.37 59.67 64.10 60.95	64.17 58.70 59.37 63.80 60.35
Prk Bel Feb Mar May Jul Aug	94.42 94.32 95.90 97.30 94.00	93.30 93.10 94.45 96.25 93.25	93.70 94.45 96.30 97.00 93.60	92.75 93.20 95.17 96.70 93.60	94.40 94.40 96.27 96.97 93.95
Fdr. Cat. Mar Apr May Aug Sep	83.25 84.77 85.00 88.22 88.40	81.95 83.45 83.82 87.20 87.60	82.75 84.10 85.10 88.15 88.40	82.85 83.57 84.82 87.77 88.15	83.97 84.55 85.82 88.47 88.60

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#### MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .08 to .15 lower Wheat unch to .03 higher Corn .02 to .06 higher Grain Sorghum .08 higher

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

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Area	#1 Soybean		#2 Corn	#2 Grain
		Wheat		Sorghum
Kansas City				
Monday	8.45	3.78	2.76-2.77	4.90
Tuesday	8.29-8.34	3.81	2.72-2.73	4.82
Wednesday	8.37	3.85	2.76-2.77	4.90
Thursday	8.21	3.83	2.73-2.74	4.84
Friday	8.28	3.79	2.75-2.76	4.88
St. Louis				
Monday	8.70	4.00	2.94	5.27
Tuesday	8.66	4.03	2.91-2.92	5.19
Wednesday	8.57-8.58	4.07	2.94	5.27
Thursday	8.38-8.40	4.01	2.91	5.21
Friday	8.45-8.46	3.95	2.92	5.25
Central				
Monday	8.27-8.33	3.47-3.50	2.70-2 74	4.64
Tuesday	8.20-8.22	3.50-3.52	2.68-2.70	4.61
Wednesday	8.23-8.25	3.54-3.56	2.73-2.74	4.67
Thursday	8.09-8.10	3.52-3.54	2.70-2.71	4.57
Friday	8.14-8.17	3.45-3.48	2.71-2.73	4.61
S.E. Mo.				
Monday	8.58-8.65	3.97-3.99	2.86-2.90	5.07-5.35
Tuesday	8.45-8.53	3.99-4.01	2.81-2.84	5.00-5.14
Wednesday	8.47-8.55	4.03-4.06	2.86-2.90	5.07-5.35
Thursday	8.29-8.39	4.02-4.03	2.83-2.88	5.01-5.32
Friday	8.34-8.43	3.89-3.95	2.84-2.87	5.03-5.32

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# PRELIMINARY CENSUS RESULTS GIVE FIRST LOOK AT CHANGING FACE OF AGRICULTURE

Missouri: The preliminary 2002 Census of Agriculture data indicates there were almost 107, 000 farms in Missouri, a decrease of about 4,000 farms from 1997. The average farm size of 283 acres compares with 272 acres in 1997. Sixty percent of Missouri farms have fewer than 180 acres. "The Census confirms that many Missourians continue to enjoy living on the farm as nearly 58 percentt of Missouri farms have sale totaling less than \$10,000 in agricultural products" said Marlowe Schlegel, Deputy State Statistician. Ninetytwo percent of Missouri agricultural operations are run by individuals or families. The average age of Missouri farmers was 56.1 years compared with 54.4 years in 1997. Women agricultural producers operated nearly 10 percent of the 106,746 farms. Principal operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin increased to 722 from 508 in 1997. Black principal operators totaled 212 in 2002, a slight decrease from 219 in 1997. United States: The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) announced today the availability of preliminary state and national demographic data from the 2002 Census of Agriculture-the Nation's largest agricultural informationgathering project. "The 2002 Census of Agriculture serves as the most comprehensive source of data describing U.S. agriculture. The results show the great diversity of people involved in this important segment of our economy," said Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman. "For the first time, the census will provide us with measures of the total number of people operating farms and ranches, as well as the number of households sharing in farm income. "Veneman said the new 2002 Census results show African American, American Indian, Hispanic and women operators are all significant contributors to agriculture and their numbers have all increased since 1997. The data include the first ever comprehensive measure of the number of women involved in dayto-day farming and ranching decisions. Measures for each of these groups are also available for each state. "This census incorporates collection of new data and improved methodologies to enable us to present the most complete and accurate picture of U.S. agriculture available," said NASS Administrator Ron Bosecker. Several new measures were included in the 2002 Census of Agriculture, including information about more than one operator per farm. Final, complete data for Puerto Rico are also available. Demographic data contained in the report released today include gender of operator, residence on or off the farm, days worked off farm, years present on farm, age group categories, race and number of persons living in each household.

<sup>\*</sup> NEW CROP